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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: OPERATOR SENSING CIRCUIT
FOR DISABLING MOTOR OF POWER EQUIPMENT

Applicants claim small entity status.

Enclosed are:

- [X] 14 pages of written description
- [X] 8 pages of claims
- [X] 4 sheets of drawings
- [X] 1 pages of abstract
- [X] Declaration / Power of Attorney / Petition

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Large Entity				\$ 385.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				0.00
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